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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, SEPTEMBER 24

1. NYT (PAGE 3) DAVID SHIPLER REPORTS FROM MOSCOW THAT SOVIET UNION IS SHOWING CONSIDERABLE UNEASINESS OVER KISSINGER'S SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, EVIDENTLY CONCERNED THAT AMERICAN INITIATIVE MAY UNDERMINE USSR'S LONG INVESTMENT IN BUILDING INFLUENCE WITH BLACK NATIONALIST GROUPS NOW EXPECTED TO COME TO POWER.
2. NYT (PAGE 3) REUTERS ITEM FROM HONG KONG SAYS THAT CHINESE PRESS AGENCY, HSINHUA, SAID CONTENTION BETWEEN US AND USSR OVER SOUTHERN AFRICA BECOMING MORE ACUTE AND DESCRIBED TOUR BY KISSINGER AS PART OF AMERICAN EFFORT TO CHECK SOVIET INFLUENCE IN REGION.
3. NYT (PAGE 8) REPORTS THAT TWO SOVIET ASTRONAUTS LAND SAFELY AND FEEL WELL AFTER 8 DAYS IN ORBIT, AND SAYS TASS DESCRIBED MISSION AS JOINT EAST GERMAN-SOVIET VENTURE, PRECURSOR TO SERIES OF FLIGHTS WHICH WILL ULTIMATELY INCLUDE ASTRONAUTS FROM OTHER COMMUNIST ALLIES.

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4. SUN (PAGE 4) HENRY TREWHITT REPORTS "GRAY AREA"  
WEAPONS TRANSFORM SALT NEGOTIATIONS SINCE THEIR

QUALITIES -- WHETHER THEY ARE STRATEGIC OR TACTICAL,  
MANAGEABLE OR UNMANAGEABLE -- VARY WITH THE EYE OF THE  
BEHOLDER.

5. WSJ (OP-ED PAGE) EDITORIAL "MR. HARRIMAN EXPLAINS"  
CONCLUDES BREZHNEV SHOULD PAY HEED TO THIS YEAR'S  
RHETORIC BECAUSE PUBLIC HAS GROWN VERY SUSPICIOUS OF  
"DETENTE" AND THE FAULT FOR THIS LIES NOT WITH THE U.S.  
BUT THE USSR'S SHYSTERISH TREATMENT OF THE SALT AGREE-  
MENTS, ITS DISREGARD OF THE HELSINKI HUMAN RIGHTS  
PROVISIONS, AND ITS CONTINUED HIGH LEVEL OF DEFENSE  
SPENDING.

6. STAR (PAGE F-20) HENRY BRADSHER REPORTS THE U.S.  
GOVERNMENT, WHOSE POLICY OF NO CONCESSIONS TO HIJACKERS  
WAS STRETCHED IN THE RECENT CROATIAN CASE, IS NOW FACED  
WITH A DECISION ON GRANTING POLITICAL ASYLUM TO TWO  
SOVIET HIJACKERS.

7. CSM (PAGE 1) DAVID WILLIS REPORTS ON SOVIET STRATEGY  
AT UN AND SAYS THIS OVERALL STRATEGY, WESTERN ANALYSTS  
SAY, FITS INTO REALISTIC SOVIET VIEW OF THE UN AS STILL  
A VALUABLE FORUM FOR PROPAGANDA BUT NOT A PLACE WHERE  
THE BASIC ISSUES OF DETENTE AND NATIONAL ASPIRATIONS  
CAN BE DECIDED.

8. CSM (PAGE 26) VICTOR ZORZA'S "SOVIETS STRUGGLE OVER  
LEADERSHIP" SAYS THE LEADERSHIP HAD EVIDENTLY BEEN  
UNABLE TO AGREE ON A SUCCESSOR AT THE TIME OF THE PARTY  
CONGRESS AND THERE HAS BEEN NO CLEAR INDICATION SINCE  
THEN OF AN AGREED DECISION IN THE KREMLIN.

9. CSM, SEPT. 23 (PAGE 1) DAVID WILLIS REPORTS THAT  
MOSCOW CAUTIONS AFRICANS: BE WARY.

10. CSM, SEPT. 23 (PAGE 2) "MINI-BRIEFS" REPORTS AIR  
FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL DAVID JONES' WARNING IN  
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WASHINGTON SPEECH THAT PRESENT GROWTH OF SOVIET MILITARY  
POWER POSES GREATEST THREAT TO SURVIVAL OF UNITED STATES  
IN MORE THAN 100 YEARS. KISSINGER

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